



Bureau of HIV and STD Prevention

HIV/STD Clinical Resources Division
HIV/STD Epidemiology Division
HIV/STD Health Resources Division

Est. February 17, 1998

Rev. May 1, 2000

HIV/STD Policy No. 800.004

CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR HIV -INFECTED PREGNANT AND NON-PREGNANT ADULTS

PURPOSE

This Texas Department of Health, Bureau of HIV and STD Prevention (Bureau) policy is provided to formally adopt two guidelines for use by clinicians in providing care and services to HIV-infected pregnant and non-pregnant adults. The two guidelines are the *Clinical Practice Guidelines for HIV-Infected Pregnant Adults* and *Clinical Practice Guidelines for HIV-Infected Non-Pregnant Adults*.

BACKGROUND

To compliment the goal of preventing and treating HIV positive individuals and their families, the Bureau recognizes that certain clinical guidelines are needed to ensure that care is provided in a safe and efficacious manner. These two guidelines, based on scientific research and the clinical experience of nationally recognized experts, may be used by clinicians across Texas to establish protocols for providing care and services to adults infected with the HIV disease.

AUTHORITY

V.T.C.A. Health and Safety Code, §85.003, Department as Lead Agency and Primary Resource; Health and Safety Code, §85.040, Evaluation of Funded Programs; Health and Safety Code, §85.041, Records and Reports.

ADOPTION OF THE GUIDELINES

With this policy, the Bureau formally adopts the two guidelines which were developed to assist clinicians across the state in establishing care and service protocols for the affected groups. *The Clinical Practice Guidelines for HIV-Infected Pregnant Adults* were released in April 1996 and the *Clinical Practice Guidelines for HIV-Infected Non-Pregnant Adults* were released in June 1994. Both guidelines are updated periodically. Other equivalent guidelines with similar content may also be used.

WHERE TO DIRECT COMMENTS AND/OR GET COPIES OF THE STANDARDS

Persons that have questions, comments or wish to request copies of the standards may call the HIV/STD Clinical Resources Division, at (512) 490-2505 or write to:

Texas Department of Health
Bureau of HIV and STD Prevention
HIV/STD Clinical Resources Division
1100 W. 49th Street
Austin, Texas 78756-3199

DATE OF LAST REVIEW:

November 13, 2002 Converted format from WordPerfect to Word.

REVISIONS

Page 1, lines 25 and 27 Changed "HIV/STD Clinical Services Section" to "HIV/STD Clinical Resources Division"